

STINGER SPORTS SCENE

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Winnipeg Captures 20th Nike Classic Title Stingers Improve Play

The Winnipeg Lady Wesmen denied the Laurentian Lady Vees their third consecutive Nike Classic Championship as they defeated Laurentian 70-68 in the tournament final. It marked the second time this year that Winnipeg has defeated the defending National Champions. The Lady Wesmen were led by M.V.P. Sandra Carroll and all-star Terri Martin. Winnipeg advanced to the finals with impressive wins over Ottawa Gee Gees (77-42) and the McGill Martlets (84-55).

Laurentian's road to the finals was a more difficult one. They crushed Waterloo 77-42 Friday, then staged an incredible comeback against Manitoba Lady Bisons, overcoming a 17 point halftime deficit to edge Manitoba 72-

65. Manitoba rebounded the next day to beat McGill 79-62 to capture third place.

The Stingers played their best basketball of the year this past weekend but could only come up with one victory. They opened the tournament with a 63-50 defeat at the hands of Manitoba. The Stingers' pressure defense was outstanding, and the fine play of Julie Kinsella, Tanya Guitman and Sharon Sandy offset Manitoba's definite height advantage. The Stingers trailed 41-40 with ten minutes remaining in the game but the Bisons' height advantage finally took its toll and Manitoba slowly built up an irresversible lead. Kinsella had a career high 14 points while Guitman and Sandy added 15 and 13

respectively.

Concordia dropped a heartbreaker the following day as Waterloo edged the Stinger 49-48.

Julie Kinsella and Tanya Guitman paced the Stinger attack with 10 points apiece. Concordia started slowly and found themselves down by nine at halftime. A spirited second half rally saw Concordia tie the score at 48 on a driving lay-up by Catherine Gagnon with just three second remaining in the game. However the Stingers fouled on the ensuing in bounds pass and Brenda Kraemer's foul shot gave Waterloo the victory.

Faced with going through the tournament winless, the Stingers played a solid forty minutes Sunday and defeated the Ottawa Gee Gees 56-50.

Laura Leslie reaches 300 point plateau as Stingers blank Ottawa 3-0

Laura Leslie added to her already impressive accomplishments this past weekend as she reached the 300 point plateau. Laura, the all-time

leading hockey scorer at Concordia, potted two goals as Concordia blanked Ottawa 3-0 Sunday (see story page 3). Laura was selected as

Concordia's outstanding Female Athlete for 1990-91. She has averaged 2.4 pts per game over her career and been the league's MVP the last 2 years.

Men Cagers Looking to Reach Nationals -- Again

The cover of the Concordia Stingers' basketball programme says "Reaching new heights". For the men's team, they would be happy to get back to the heights they have already achieved.

Two years ago, they defeated Guelph to win the CIAU National title. In last year's tournament, their repeat hopes were dashed in the opening round with an 87-80 overtime loss to Victoria. How far the team will go this year depends on the solid corps of returning veterans and five exciting newcomers. Together, they must replace the loss of two Stinger greats - All-Canadian Nick Arvanitis and OUAA all-star Michael Cohee.

The Stinger starting five has to be considered among the best in their division. All are experienced players so they are well versed with each other. The backcourt duties will be handled primarily by Dexter John, Raphael Tyrrell and Robert Ferguson. In Ferguson and John, the Stingers have two extremely capable ball handlers and scorers. Both can score in double-figures and John leads the team this year with a 28 point average. Tyrrell is an explosive defender whose

quickness will be a great asset.

The front court duo will be Ernie Rosa and Dino Perin. Rosa, an aggressive inside player, has taken his game to a new level this year. He's picked up on his scoring, averaging almost eight points more this season without letting his rebounding tail off. Perin may turn out to be the key for the Stingers. He was off to a great start last year before a knee injury slowed him down. This year, a broken finger has kept him on the bench for the better part of the non-conference schedule. A healthy Perin means about 17-20 points a game for the team.

Off the bench the Stingers possess one of the league's best sixth men in Pat Sullivan, an explosive jumper and a big threat from three point range. He will be counted on heavily to contribute valuable points and minutes.

The newcomers to the team are Fredric Arsenault, Eric Corej, Jeremy Smyth, Robert Lavoie and Kevin Forman. Arsenault and Corej will give the team added height and muscle and should help improve the Stingers' potent inside game. Smyth, Lavoie and Forman will see time at the point and off-

guard positions and will be counted on to add scoring punch off the bench.

The Stingers are preparing themselves for their drive to the Nationals by playing one of the toughest non-conference schedules in the nation, a schedule that has included trips to two prestigious tournaments and two games against NCAA Division I teams. Coaches John Dore and Harvey Liverman feel that exposure to high calibre competition will only improve the team.

The Stingers, winners of three consecutive OUAA division titles, are favoured to repeat this year. How well they do after that depends on how well their tough schedule prepared them and if they stay healthy. If the Stingers respond the way the coaches hope, Concordia could be doing some celebrating come mid-March.

In this weekend's games, the Stingers surprised Army 70-62 Friday, behind Ernie Rosa's 21 points. Saturday the Stingers fell to Marist 95-67. Dino Perin led the way with 16 points. Stinger standout Dexter John will be lost for two weeks with strained knee ligaments in his knee. The Stingers wrapped up their pre-season with a 5-4 record.

Women's Volleyball Team Off to Good Start

The women's volleyball team has gotten off to a good start in the 1991-92 season.

In four pre-season tournaments so far, the Stingers have won twice, and finished second and fourth in the other two.

Their first tournament title was at McGill's tournament over Thanksgiving weekend. On the first weekend of November, Concordia travelled south of the border and captured the Harvard Invitational Tournament.

The Stingers defeated Vermont, Holy Cross, Brown and Harvard in the round robin but lost to Princeton. However, in the tournament final, Concordia took revenge

and beat Princeton three games to two.

In the McMaster tournament in mid-October, Concordia breezed through the round robin and semi final without losing a single game. The Stingers beat up on Brock, Waterloo and Carleton before getting by Ottawa 2-0 in the semi's. In the final, Concordia lost to the host team, McMaster, 3 games to 1.

This past weekend, Concordia finished fourth in the Sherbrooke Vert et Or tournament. In the semi finals, the Stingers went up against a tough Laval University team, the eventual winner, and lost 3 games to none.

The bronze medal

game was not any friendlier to the Stingers who went down in three straight games to Sherbrooke.

In the season opener, on Nov. 8, Concordia lost to Sherbrooke as well 3 games to 1. Concordia evened up its record two days later when they crushed McGill 15-7, 15-6, 15-8.

Gone from last year's team is All-Star Stefani Desmarais, however, according to coach Melanie Sanford-Moore, this year's team is even better than last year. Veteran Heather Baragar is leading the Stingers who have welcomed two CEGEP MVP's in Cassandra Bardo and Shelly DeSouza to the squad this year.

Women Pucksters Win One -- Lose One

The women's hockey team split their games this weekend as they travelled to Queen's for two exhibition games.

Friday night the Queen's Golden Gaels beat the Stingers 5-1. The Stingers missed some good scoring chances that would have given them the game.

Laura Leslie scored in the 3rd period to tie the game at 1-1 but Queen's answered with a goal of

their own 20 seconds later to take the lead for good. Trailing 3-1 late in the third period coach Les Lawton pulled goalie M.C. Roy in an attempt to tie the score but two empty net goals, one at the buzzer, sealed the game for the Golden Gaels.

Saturday the opponent was Ottawa. The Stingers played well and won their first 'A' game 3-0. Marie-Claude Roy got the shutout.

Stephanie Ouellette opened the scoring and Laura Leslie added 2 goals in one shift as she became the first Stinger to reach the 300 career point milestone.

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RESULTS

Results for the week of Nov. 11 - Nov. 17

Women's Basketball

Fri. Nov. 15	Manitoba	63	Stingers	50	Nike Classic
Sat. Nov. 16	Waterloo	49	Stingers	48	Tournament
Sun. Nov. 17	Stingers	56	Ottawa	50	7th place finish

Women's Hockey

Fri. Nov. 15	Queen's	5	Stingers	1	exhibition
Sat. Nov. 16	Stingers	3	Ottawa	0	exhibition

Men's Basketball

Fri. Nov. 15	Stingers	70	Army	62	exhibition
Sat. Nov. 16	Marist	97	Stingers	67	exhibition

Women's Volleyball (Sherbrooke Invitational)

Round Robin:	Stingers	3 (9-15,5-15,15-8,15-13,15-10)	Montreal	2
	Dalhousie	3 (16-14,6-15,15-12,16-14)	Stingers	1
	Stingers	3 (15-12,15-12,15-4)	McGill	0
Semi-Final	Laval	3 (15-4,15-5,15-4)	Stingers	0
Bronze Medal	Sherbrooke	3 (15-8,15-5,15-12)	Stingers	0

Upcoming Events

Men's Hockey

Wed. Nov. 20	vs.	Ottawa	7:30	league
Sat. Nov. 23	@	Brock	7:30	league
Sun. Nov. 24	@	Guelph	2:00	league

Women's Basketball

Fri. 22 - Sun. 24	@	York Invitational
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Women's Hockey

Fri. Nov. 22	@	York	7:00	exhibition
Sat. Nov. 23	@	Guelph		exhibition
Sun. Nov. 24	@	Toronto	5:00	exhibition

Men's Basketball

Sat. Nov. 23	vs.	Toronto	7:30	league
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bold denotes home games